

Consumer Advisory

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Establishments that serve raw or undercooked foods, such as rare hamburger, raw shellfish, or over-easy eggs, shall inform the consumer of the increased risks of consuming undercooked foods. If the establishment will not serve raw or undercooked foods, even if requested, no advisory is required.

(Replaces 2005 Food Code 3-603.11 Consumption of Animal Foods that are Raw, Undercooked, or Not Otherwise Processed to Eliminate Pathogens)*

- (1) The person in charge of a food establishment shall ensure that consumers who order raw or partially cooked foods of animal origin are informed that the food is not cooked sufficiently to assure its safety. If a raw or undercooked animal food such as beef, eggs, fish, lamb, pork, poultry, or shellfish is offered in a ready-to-eat form as a deli, menu, vended, or other item, or as a raw ingredient in another ready-to-eat form, the permit holder shall inform consumers by brochures, deli case or menu advisories, label statements, table tents, placards, or other written means of the significantly increased risk associated with certain especially vulnerable consumers eating such foods in a raw or undercooked form. The following language will satisfy the consumer advisory requirements:

"Thoroughly cooking foods of animal origin such as beef, eggs, fish, lamb, pork, poultry, or shellfish reduces the risk of foodborne illness. Individuals with certain health conditions may be at higher risk if these foods are consumed raw or undercooked. Consult your physician or public health official for further information."

Examples of consumer advisory include:

- ▶ This establishment recognizes the increased risk of eating certain raw or undercooked foods, such as ground beef, eggs, or oysters. For your safety, we will only serve raw or undercooked foods per individual customer order.
- ▶ For your safety, this establishment will not serve raw or undercooked foods of animal origin.

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